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MISSOULA –

Two students in The University of Montana School of Journalism's Department of Radio-Television have placed in the prestigious William R. Hearst student journalism awards.

Jake Stevenson, a senior from Holliston, Mass., took seventh place in the radio features category. Junior Emily Creasia of Helena took 18th place in the same competition.

Stevenson submitted stories, including one titled "Death of the Video Store," and reports on land and water conservation and on Missoula's Watson Children's Shelter. Creasia's reports highlighted Muslims in Missoula and the community's Hellgate Rollergirls.

Both Stevenson and Creasia are co-anchors of "Montana Evening Edition" on KUFM Radio and are active with KBGA College Radio on the UM campus.

The Hearst Awards often are referred to as the "Pulitzer Prize of college journalism." They honor and encourage outstanding work by college students with more than \$550,000 in prizes, stipends and grants.

More than 100 member colleges and universities are eligible to compete in the contest, which dates back 50 years. Last year UM was the only school to place in the top 10 in the three major competition areas of writing, photojournalism and broadcast news.

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UM NEWS

December 20, 2010

MISSOULA –

A Missoula-based information technology company is investing in student achievement in computer science at The University of Montana.

Alex Philp, president of GCS Research, recently announced the company will provide a \$10,000 scholarship as part of the UM Foundation’s Missoula Business Drive. Philp earned a doctorate in philosophy at UM.

“We wanted to do something meaningful to continue and expand the outstanding relationship we have with the Department of Computer Science at UM,” Philp said. “In order to create high-paying jobs and employ University of Montana graduates, we need to do everything we can to support scholarships, innovation and dedication to excellence at the University.”

GCS Research is an internationally recognized leader in geospatial information technology. The company, started in 2001 in Philp’s basement, evolved out of a UM research and development project funded by NASA. The company has grown to 23 employees and includes clients such as Missoula County, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Energy-Idaho National Laboratory, Northrop Grumman and Plum Creek Timber Co.

“This generous gift and personal investment in our students shows a true commitment from GCS to UM and the computer science department,” said Joel Henry, associate dean for information technology at the UM College of Arts and Sciences. “Even more importantly, the investment of dollars and volunteer hours demonstrate a commitment to the long-term high-tech development of Montana.”

The UM Missoula Foundation Business Drive is an annual fundraising campaign designed to strengthen the bond between the business community and the University. Each fall more than 30 Missoula community leaders call on local businesses to champion support of UM.

GCS Research joins a growing donor roll of nearly 150 businesses that have chosen to support this year’s campaign. The goal is to raise \$180,000 to support University programs and UM’s Excellence Fund. The campaign runs through the end of the year.

For more information on giving to the University through the UM Foundation Missoula Business Drive, call Lauren Clark, director of annual giving-external campaigns, at 406-243-2456 or e-mail lauren.clark@mso.umt.edu.

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December 20, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana again has received national recognition for its great winter lifestyle. UM was among eight schools named this month to U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges for Winter Enthusiasts.”

The eight were chosen as best schools in the nation for students who are searching for a “cold, crisp breeze; fresh snow; and access to skiing and snowboarding.” U.S. News & World Report’s Education web producer Ryan Lytle writes, “If winter weather tops your college wish list, then these schools are for you.”

UM’s profile showcases a popular photo titled “Main Hall in Winter” by University photographer Todd Goodrich. In the profile, Lytle writes that UM “offers a ton of winter fun.” The community’s annual First Night Missoula New Year’s Eve celebration also is mentioned.

To view UM’s profile on the U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges for Winter Enthusiasts,” visit <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/slideshows/best-colleges-for-winter-enthusiasts/5>.

Other schools that made the list are the University of Colorado-Boulder, Dartmouth College, Middlebury College, Sierra Nevada College, the University of Utah, Williams College and the University of Wyoming.

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UM NEWS

December 17, 2010

MISSOULA –

Drive-By Truckers will take the stage of Missoula's historic Wilma Theatre on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

Flaunting a mix of Southern pride, erudite lyrics and a muscled three-guitar attack, Drive-By Truckers became one of the most well-respected alternative country-rock acts of the 2000s.

The show, presented by University of Montana Productions, begins at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$24 and are on sale now at The Source in the University Center, at Rockin Rudy's and Ear Candy in Missoula, and online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>.

Drive-By Truckers is a lyric-driven band, whose songs and music tell stories and paint scenes. History, folklore, politics and character studies all share equal space in the Truckers catalog.

Led by front man Patterson Hood and comprising a rotating cast of Georgia and Alabama natives, the band celebrates the South while refusing to paint over its spotty past.

Their latest album, "Go-Go Boots," rises like smoke from the old Muscle Shoals country-and-soul sound. Having recorded with Bettye LaVette and Booker T. Jones, and having spent a lifetime listening to classic soul albums by Bobby Womack, Tony Joe White and especially Eddie Hinton, it seemed inevitable that the Truckers eventually produced this album.

For more information, visit <http://www.drivebytruckers.com> or <http://umproductions.org>.

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UM NEWS



December 16, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has received more than \$400,000 in funding from the Wyss Foundation to fund up to 13 Wyss Scholars over the next five years as part of the Wyss Scholars Program for Conservation of the American West.

First funded at UM in 2005, the program has provided major support to graduate students through scholarships and professional internships. Scholars are selected based on financial need and demonstrated commitment to conservation in the western states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho and eastern Oregon and California, as well as their outstanding promise as future conservation leaders.

"Wyss Scholarships enable future conservation leaders to attend The University of Montana and gain valuable skills for their work as environmental professionals," said Len Broberg, director of UM's Environmental Studies Program. "We are honored to be recognized as one of the premier programs in the nation."

The Wyss Scholars Program supports the graduate-level education of a new generation of leaders in western land conservation. Wyss Scholars learn the latest in conservation science and policy and apply that knowledge in careers at land management agencies and nonprofit conservation groups.

Past scholars have gone on to work with organizations such as the National Parks Conservation Association, the Deschutes River Conservancy, the Clark Fork Coalition and the National Forest Foundation. Current Wyss Scholars interned last summer with the environmental communications group Resource Media, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and the Sonoran Institute.

"The Wyss Scholars Program has been an enormous help to the University's Bolle Center for People and Forests' goal of supporting graduate students who are preparing themselves for careers in western resource management and conservation," said center Director Jill Belsky. "We are extremely grateful for the continued support of the Wyss Foundation."

Wyss Scholarships are awarded to students currently enrolled at one of the four host schools. In addition to UM, the program supports students at Yale University, the University of Michigan and Northern Arizona University.

UM Wyss Scholars may be selected from graduate programs in law, business, communications, geography, political science, economics, history, biology or anthropology in addition to the University's Environmental Studies Program and College of Forestry and Conservation.

The Wyss Scholars Program covers up to half of the tuition and expenses of getting a master's degree. Half the award is made during the master's program, and the remainder is available for scholars who enter qualifying employment. Scholars also are awarded up to \$5,000 to cover their summer research or internship to provide conservation work experience.

More information about the Wyss Foundation is online at <http://www.wyssfoundation.org>.

For information about UM's College of Forestry and Conservation, visit <http://www.cfc.umt.edu>. Information about the UM Environmental Studies Program is online at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/evst>. To learn more about UM's Bolle Center for People and Forests, visit <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/bolle>.

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December 16, 2010

MISSOULA –

The fall issue of the Crown of the Continent Magazine has been released and can be found online at <http://issuu.com/crownofthecontinent/docs/decemberof2010>.

The region called the Crown of the Continent encompasses Glacier National Park and spans the Continental Divide from the Elk River headwaters and Crowsnest Pass in Canada to Rogers Pass and the Blackfoot River drainage in Montana.

The University of Montana launched the Crown of the Continent Initiative to provide an educational catalyst for collaboration between UM and Glacier National Park. The initiative now has grown to include groups beyond the park, notably The Nature Conservancy, the Glacier Institute, Flathead Community College, the University of Calgary and more.

The initiative publishes three color-filled e-magazines each year, providing up-to-date information about issues driving decisions and research in the Crown. The magazines cover everything from the physical and historical geography of the Crown to interesting scientific research on the region's wildlife, climate, rivers, glaciers and more.

To receive other Crown of the Continent Initiative updates, e-mail umcrown@umontana.edu. The Crown of the Continent website is <http://crown.umt.edu>.

For more information, e-mail Rick Graetz or Jerry Fetz, initiative co-directors, at umcrown@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Joel Berger, a professor in The University of Montana’s Division of Biological Sciences, was featured in the Science section of The New York Times on Monday, Dec. 13. “Musk Oxen Live to Tell a Survivors’ Tale” was written by Natalie Angier and highlighted Berger’s musk ox research, including the animal’s unique story and how it can be used to help other endangered large land mammals facing extinction.

Berger spoke last week about preliminary results from his and other collaborators’ field studies of the musk ox. He talked about the challenges that studying the animals raise, as well as surprising findings like the musk ox’s elephant-like social structure.

To read The New York Times article visit <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/14/science/14angier.html>. For more information, call Berger at 406-243-5540 or e-mail joel.berger@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



December 15, 2010

MISSOULA –

As the economy emerges from the worst recession since the 1930s, the damage is apparent: diminished personal income, uncertain housing markets, high unemployment rates, permanent closures in key industrial facilities and budget pressures on state and local government. As the country grows impatient, where is Montana in the recovery process and where do we stand in rebalancing the economy?

Patrick Barkey, director of The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, will discuss what has already happened – and what still needs to happen – to bring growth back into balance at the 36th annual Economic Outlook Seminar titled “Paying for the Recession – Rebalancing Montana's Economy.”

“There is more work to do in this recovery than simply restarting growth,” Barkey said. “Governments, businesses and households in Montana are adjusting to a new and different economic picture.”

The half-day seminar and luncheon will highlight the latest economic trends and forecasts for local, state and national economies. Bureau economists Barkey and Paul Polzin will present economic outlook forecasts for each seminar city. Researchers and experts from throughout the Montana University System will provide outlooks for Montana's important industries: nonresident travel, housing, health care, agriculture, manufacturing and forest products.

Longtime Montana journalist Ian Marquand will moderate a panel of community leaders and industry experts on local economic issues. As a television broadcaster, Marquand spent years covering the issues that affect Montanans.

The seminar runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be held in nine Montana cities during January, February and March 2011. Registration costs \$80, which includes a proceedings booklet, lunch and a one-year subscription to Montana Business Quarterly, BBER's award-winning business journal.

The series begins in **Helena** on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Best Western Great Northern Hotel. Following is the schedule for other seminar cities:

- **Great Falls** – Wednesday, Jan. 26, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Missoula** – Friday, Jan. 28, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Billings** – Tuesday, Feb. 1, Crowne Plaza
- **Bozeman** – Wednesday, Feb. 2, Best Western GranTree Inn
- **Butte** – Thursday, Feb. 3, Holiday Inn Express
- **Kalispell** – Friday, Feb. 11, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Sidney** – Tuesday, March 15, USDA/Agricultural Research Station
- **Miles City** – Wednesday, March 16, Bureau of Land Management

For more information or to register for a seminar, visit the BBER website at <http://www.bber.umt.edu> or call 406-243-5113.

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MISSOULA –

Four University of Montana music students were winners of UM's annual Concerto Aria Competition held Dec. 11.

Winners are:

- Heather Barns of Helena, soprano, Mozart arias.
- Damian Garvey of Jackson Hole, Wyo., piano: Tchaikovsky piano concerto.
- Alyssa Baty of Missoula, clarinet: "Debussy Première Rhapsody."

Jacob Thomas of Eugene, Ore., soprano saxophone, won honorable mention.

The students will perform their competition pieces with the full UM orchestra at the annual spring Honors Convocation, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the University's Music Recital Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

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MISSOULA –

Regents Professor William Woessner and Professors Michael DeGrandpre and James Gannon are the University of Montana's newest Fulbright Scholars.

The three UM faculty members received Fulbright Scholar grants for the 2010-11 academic year. They join 1,200 experts from the United States who are traveling abroad this year on the U.S. government's flagship academic exchange program, designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those in other countries.

Woessner will be a visiting professor of natural science teaching, conducting research in groundwater modeling and hydrogeological field techniques in a newly established research and teaching institute, NAWI Graz, Austria. The institute is a cooperative program in the fields of chemistry, technical and molecular biosciences, mathematics, and geosciences that links research and graduate programs at the Karl-Franzens University and the Technical University of Graz.

DeGrandpre will work with scientists at the Universidad de Concepción to study the uptake and release of carbon dioxide by the Pacific Ocean near the Chilean coast. He also will teach a course titled The Ocean Carbon Cycle during the university's Austral Summer Institute. Students from South America and around the world attend the one-week intensive courses, held on the Universidad de Concepción campus.

Gannon will spend six months on the island of Mauritius, where he will join an international group researching the prevalence of Campylobacter spp. in the local food supply. Campylobacter is a bacterium and is the No. 1 food pathogen in the world at this time.

This year 850 foreign scholars also received Fulbright awards at U.S. campuses through the program. Since 1947, 52,000 scholars and professionals have received Fulbright awards.

The competition for 2012-13 Fulbright Scholar grants will open Feb. 1, 2011. More information is available online at <http://www.cies.org>.

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MISSOULA –

Kimball Bennion, from Powell, Wyo., took 19th place in the feature writing category of the national Hearst Journalism Awards. He graduated from The University of Montana’s School of Journalism in May.

The award was given to him for his story “Not a Drop to Drink,” written last spring for the Native News Honors Project. His story investigated the misgivings Fort Belknap residents have about water quality on the reservation, even though a new water treatment plant is in operation. There were 140 students competing in the feature writing competition, which is the first of six competitions throughout the academic year.

Bennion is now a reporter for the Great Falls Tribune.

For more information, call the School of Journalism at 406-243-4001.

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UM NEWS



December 14, 2010

MISSOULA –

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center of The University of Montana has awarded more than \$12,000 to UM students pursuing internships and research projects in the area of public policy.

The center's Public Policy and Leadership Initiative offers the Pat Williams Scholarship for internship and research awards in the areas of public policy and leadership to both undergraduate and graduate students.

The scholarships are part of a project to foster civic responsibility in future leaders and further civil dialogue on domestic policy considerations. The initiative emphasizes the global nature of responsible decision-making, the ethical imperatives of leadership, and the skills necessary for careful policy analysis and development.

The Pat Williams Scholarships are awarded competitively to UM students pursuing internships and research related to public policy across a broad range of fields. This year's recipients are:

- Zachary Brown, a sophomore from Bozeman – Internship to organize the Montana Environmental Student Alliance Conference.
- Emily Cross, a sophomore from Glendive – Research during Indian Himalaya study-abroad program.
- Mary Devlin, a graduate student from Annapolis, Md. – Internship at the Cape Town Refugee Centre.
- Cassandra Hemphill, a doctoral candidate from Missoula – Research on diffusion of stewardship contracting within U.S. Forest Service.
- Erik Hurd, a graduate student from Missoula – Research on the effectiveness of not-for-profit food distribution in alleviating hunger.
- Joseph Michael Husar, a graduate student from Harrison – Research on rural community vitality.
- Dustin Hutchins, a junior from Missoula – Internship at the Missoula Central Labor Council and Unite Here Union Local 427.
- Bradley Jones, a law student from Missoula and Lexington, N.C. – Research comparison of Montana and Chile's constitutional provisions to a clean environment.
- Jonathan Leiman, a graduate student from Bethesda, Md. – Research on reliability, utility and political relevance of state-generated reference stream data in western Montana.
- Passang Norbu, a graduate student from Bhutan – Research on changes to news coverage in Bhutan's print media.
- Emily Schembra, a senior from Annapolis, Md. – Internship with the Great Burn Study Group.
- Alexandra Schwier, a freshman from Bozeman – Research on undocumented migration from Mexico to the U.S.
- Kevin Thorsen, a senior from Great Falls – Internship with the Global Grizzlies Healthcare Project in Mongolia.
- Daniel Viehland, a junior from Tucson, Ariz. – Internship with the City of Missoula Communications Department.
- Katharina Werner, a graduate student from Nuremberg, Germany – Internship with Chaitanya Project in India.
- Waganesh Zeleke, a graduate student from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – Research on the intrapsychic, family and social worlds of Ethiopian adopted children and their adoptive families in Montana.
- Group Award to Global Grizzlies – In addition to the individual award made to Thorsen, a group allocation was made to other participants on the Global Grizzlies program to provide health care during a visit to Mongolia.

The scholarships and select upcoming lectures are named in honor of Williams, who was U.S. Congressman from Montana during 1979-97 and a strong proponent of the federal legislation that started the Mansfield Center. Williams has taught at UM for 14 years and is a Senior Fellow at UM's O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West.

East Asia and domestic policy were important issues to Mike Mansfield, the Butte miner who went on to become a revered statesman, the longest-serving U.S. Senate majority leader and ambassador to Japan. Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner said the scholarships follow Mansfield's example by emphasizing the global nature of responsible decision-making, ethical leadership and the skills necessary for considered policy development.

The scholarships are funded under a congressionally directed grant administered through the U.S. Department of Education, with appropriations of \$238,000 in fiscal year 2009 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2010. The funding proposals were championed by U.S. Sen. Jon Tester and U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg. The initiative programs do not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education and do not assume endorsement by the federal government.

For more information visit the Mansfield Center's website at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield>.

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December 14, 2010

MISSOULA –

Richie Havens, known for his high-energy performances for 45 years, will not appear at The University of Montana on March 24, 2011, as scheduled.

Recent health issues have made Havens’ typical touring schedule demanding and exhausting, and although it was a difficult decision for him, he felt compelled to follow the advice of his doctor and cancel all his upcoming appearances.

Tickets for the March 24 performance at UM that were purchased with credit cards will automatically be refunded.

Those who purchased tickets with cash or check will need to visit the Adams Center Box Office to receive a full refund.

For more information, call the box office at 406-243-4051.

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UM NEWS



December 14, 2010

MISSOULA —

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (MOLLI) will offer several special courses and events for members during its winter 2011 term.

MOLLI's fourth annual "Behind the Scenes at the Symphony" will examine the making of a Missoula Symphony Orchestra performance. Two class sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 and 15, in UM's Todd Building. Members then can attend the symphony's rehearsal, which will feature virtuoso pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in the University Theatre. The event is free for all MOLLI members.

"Questions of Connoisseurship," taught by Montana Museum of Art & Culture curator Brandon Reintjes, will use MMAC's special exhibition "Renoir, Magritte, Gauguin and Other Masterpieces from a Private Collection" to increase students' appreciation of connoisseurship, masterpieces and great art. Classes will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Fridays from Jan. 21 through Feb. 25 in the Todd Building.

Music Professor Anne Basinski will teach "MOLLI at the Met! A Look at Italian Opera as Done by the Metropolitan Opera in NYC." The course will alternate each week between lectures and private screenings of three operas broadcast in high definition. Lectures will examine the fascinating production of the operas. All lectures and screenings will start at 9 a.m. Thursdays from Jan. 20 through Feb. 24 at the Roxy Theater, located at 718 S. Higgins Ave. An additional \$25 screening fee will apply.

Registration also is open for MOLLI winter courses, which allow community members ages 50 and older to explore topics ranging from theater and music to history and sustainability. The courses are taught by dynamic UM and community instructors, and most classes will start in January. An annual MOLLI membership fee of \$20 is required to enroll in all courses. Individual course registration costs \$60 plus fees, when applicable.

A MOLLI early-start course titled "'Bus Stop': A Backstage Pass" will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays from Dec. 27 to Jan. 25 in UM's PAR/TV Center. Taught by UM theatre and dance Assistant Professor Teresa Waldorf, the course will offer an in-depth look at the making of a professional theater production. Students will examine the direction, design and rehearsal of Montana Repertory Theatre's touring production of William Inge's play "Bus Stop."

Following is a list of all other MOLLI winter courses, which run Jan. 20-Feb. 25.

Thursdays:

- David Cates, "Creative Writing: Elements of a Story"
- George Seielstad, "Sustainability: The Challenge of Change"
- Rick Bass, "An Appreciation of the Short Story"
- Darko Butorac, "Mad about Mahler"
- Dan Spencer, "Is God Green? Looking at Religion, Nature and the Environment"
- Rodolfo Villarreal-Rios, "A Complex Neighborhood: U.S.-Mexican Relations from 1914 to Present"

Fridays:

- "River" He Yang, "The Analects of Confucius"
- Hal Stearns, "More Montana Tales"
- Ray Risho, "Cuisine Artistry: The Global Kitchen"
- Jim Seig, "John Wayne, Shane, and Will Kane: The Sacred Executioner in Western Literature & Film"
- Nancy Cooper, "All Bach, All the Time!"
- Robert Greene, "The World of Anna Karenina"
- Tobin Miller Shearer, "Black and Radical Traditions"

Complete course descriptions, locations, times, instructor information and registration are available on the MOLLI website at <http://www.umt.edu/molli>. For more information or

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December 13, 2010

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students, employees and their families are invited to join University Dining Services to spread some holiday cheer by baking and decorating cookies at the 13th annual UM Christmas Cookie Cook-Off on Thursday, Dec. 16.

The event will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Food Zoo, located in the Lommasson Center. This year's theme is "The Island of Misfit Toys."

Half the cookies baked will be donated to a local youth home, senior home, group shelter or other nonprofit organization, and participants may take home half the of cookies. Annually, about 300 dozen cookies are donated to 18 local charities, and more than 29 campus departments participate in the festivities.

UDS will supply its personnel and facilities, and Sysco Food Services of Montana will donate the cookie dough and decorations. All participants need to bring is their holiday spirit.

Beverages, music and a children's play area will be provided, and Santa will join the party from 5 to 6 p.m. So bring the kids, or at least the kid in you, and join UDS for some tasty and charitable holiday fun.

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December 10, 2010

MISSOULA —

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (MOLLI) will offer several classes on campus open to students of all ages as part of First Night Missoula festivities from noon to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

Following are the MOLLI courses offered, which will be held in Todd Building rooms 203 and 204 unless otherwise noted.

- Noon-12:45 p.m.: Annika Johns, "Incredible Edible Bugs"
- 1-2:30 p.m.: Glenn Govertsen, "Mr. G Science Show" (North Underground Lecture Hall)
- 3-3:45 p.m.: Margaret Johnson, "Let's Act for the Young & Young at Heart"
- 4-4:45 p.m.: Hal Stearns, "More Montana Tales"

First Night Missoula is a New Year's celebration organized by the Missoula Cultural Council to honor art and community. It aims to provide an accessible, affordable, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration for the entire family.

Buttons are required to attend all First Night Missoula events, including the MOLLI courses. They are \$12 in advance and \$15 on Dec. 31. Children 7 and under are free. Buttons are available at 20 locations throughout Missoula and the Bitterroot Valley. A complete list of locations is available at <http://www.missoulacultural.org/firstnight/>.

For more information on the MOLLI courses, call Dannette Fadness at 406-243-2905 or e-mail dannette.fadness@umontana.edu.

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December 10, 2010

MISSOULA –

A news conference that will discuss reinvesting in two-year higher education in Montana will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, in the commons area at The University of Montana College of Technology.

The Associated Students of UM and state Sen. Carol Williams (D-Missoula) will host the event. Speakers will include University and community officials, and topics will include the upcoming legislative session and plans for the proposed new COT building.

The news conference is open to the public. For more information call the ASUM office at 406-243-2451.

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HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Ravalli County Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 215 S. Fourth St. in Hamilton.

The BCP steering committee is a public board and welcomes members of the public to observe and participate at its meetings.

Agenda topics will include operational, educational planning and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda will be available Friday, Dec. 10, on the BCP website at <http://www.umt.edu/bcp> (click on “Meetings” under “Steering Committee”), by calling BCP Interim Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or by e-mailing victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

The BCP steering committee is a collaborative group composed of Ravalli County stakeholders, UM officials and state higher education representatives. The committee is charged with planning an entity to provide responsive and sustainable adult and higher education opportunities to Ravalli County residents. BCP currently offers 19 UM College of Technology courses in the Hamilton area.

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December 08, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana is transitioning from its current Blackboard Learning Management System to Moodle, an open-source learning management system.

Initially prompted by the state requirement to review UM's Learning Management System, the selection resulted from campus needs, expressed preferences for certain features by faculty and students, and evidence from other institutions.

The transition to Moodle will take place in three phases and will be completed by fall semester 2011.

- **Phase 1: Pilot.** Students and faculty in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, School of Business Administration and School of Law will pilot the use of Moodle during spring semester 2011.
- **Phase 2: Fully Online Courses.** All fully online courses at UM will be designed and delivered in Moodle for summer semester 2011 and beyond.
- **Phase 3: Course Supplements.** All online course supplements for face-to-face classes will use Moodle in fall semester 2011. Blackboard will not be in use at this time, although it will remain active until spring semester 2012.

The transition will require some effort on the part of instructors and students. There is a need to become familiar with new terms and features and, for instructors, to rebuild existing Blackboard courses in Moodle. The Instructional Design and Development Team, in conjunction with the Learning Management System Advisory Committee, are available to help instructors with the redesign process.

"The shift to Moodle is really an opportunity to focus once more on how to provide the most effective learning experience for students, whether they are taking classes face-to-face or at a distance," said Robert Squires, UM's interim associate director of instructional design. "Moodle offers features that promote interaction and collaboration, as well as engagement with course content."

Training and support will be offered in the following areas: workshops, online tutorials for faculty and students, tip sheets, and step-by-step guides to adding content in Moodle. Support also will be available 24/7 online at <http://umonline-help.umt.edu>.

The Learning Management System Advisory Committee consists of the following individuals who will act as point persons for their respective units:

- College of Arts and Sciences: Charles Exley and Jesse Munro.
- College of Forestry and Conservation: To be determined.
- School of Law: Stacey Gordon.
- School of Business Administration: David Firth.
- College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences: Danielle Wozniak.
- College of Technology: Linda Eagleheart.
- College of Education and Human Sciences: Lisa Blank.
- School of Journalism: Ray Fanning.
- College of Visual and Performing Arts: Rick Hughes, chair of the advisory committee.

For more information on the transition, visit the Learning Management System shift website at <http://umt.edu/shift/default.aspx>.

Questions regarding the transition to Moodle can be directed to Kelly Lemar, interim director of educational technology, School of Extended & Lifelong Learning, at kelly.lemar@mso.umt.edu.

Questions regarding trainings or support can be directed to Squires at robert.squires@mso.umt.edu.

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December 07, 2010

MISSOULA –

Student teams from The University of Montana School of Business Administration’s Department of Management Information Systems will present website designs at the Second Annual Website Design Competition at UM on Thursday, Dec. 9.

The competition begins at 6 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123 and is free and open to the public. It connects Web experts with nonprofit clients who may otherwise be unable to afford Web design and development services and also provides an experiential learning opportunity that is essential for MIS students to translate classroom skills into workplace solutions.

“When students engage in a real-world project, it provides practical experience that prepares them for their upcoming careers as business professionals,” said MIS Associate Professor Clayton Looney.

The Nature-Link Institute was invited to serve as the client for this year’s student-driven competition. The institute’s mission involves reconnecting individuals to the environment through education, research and advocacy. More information is online at <http://www.nature-link.org>.

Student teams met with representatives from the institute to analyze their business needs. Based on the analysis, the teams designed and developed a website shell, which may be further developed for full functionality and taken live by the organization.

Six finalist teams have been invited to present their website designs before a panel of judges: Tim Christensen, director of Media and Technology for Vann’s Inc.; Ryan Weisser, president of AXIOM IT Solutions Inc.; and Monica Cederberg, corporate communications director for Washington Business Services. Members of student teams who receive first-, second- and third-place honors will each receive a scholarship for spring semester 2011.

The study of management information systems focuses on analyzing and managing the flow of information within and across organizations and using both information and technology to enhance the organization’s business operations. Graduates of UM’s MIS program pursue careers in consulting, health care, computer services and a variety of other industries. Several graduates have founded their own companies.

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December 07, 2010

MISSOULA –

A screening of the documentary film “Nuclear Tipping Point” followed by a community discussion with Professor Schuyler Foerster of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Eisenhower Center for Space and Defense Studies will be held at The University of Montana on Monday, Dec. 13.

The event of the World Affairs Council of Montana Distinguished Speakers Programs begins at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater. Admission is \$5 at the door for the general public. For students and World Affairs Council members, admission is free.

Foerster is the co-author of two books and has written several articles on international politics and security issues. He regularly addresses audiences across the United States and has been a frequent guest commentator in print, radio and television.

Missoula is one of 12 selected locations across the country to present the “Nuclear Tipping Point” community film screening. The 30-minute documentary was produced to raise awareness about nuclear threats and to help build support for actions needed to reduce nuclear dangers.

The film focuses on conversations with four men who have been intimately involved in American diplomacy and national security over four decades: former Secretaries of State George Shultz and Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of Defense William Perry and former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn. In the film the four men share their personal experiences and efforts to reduce reliance on nuclear weapons, to prevent their spread into potentially dangerous hands and to ultimately end them as a threat to the world.

A review by The New York Times notes that the film sends “waves through the global policy establishment.” With North Korea’s continued attempt to keep the world guessing on the status of their nuclear program to the November affirmation of Iran’s nuclear production capabilities, event sponsors say this timely issue is one deserving of awareness and discussion.

The project is made possible by a grant from the Nuclear Threat Initiative in cooperation with the Hoover Institution. To view a film trailer, go to <http://www.nucleartippingpoint.org>.

The World Affairs Council of Montana is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 2000 by former U.S. Ambassador Mark Johnson. It is dedicated to engaging Montanans on global issues. For more information, visit <http://www.montanaworldaffairs.org> or call 406-723-3328.

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UM NEWS



December 07, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Irish Studies Program, School of Music and the Friends of Irish Studies will bring “A Springtime of Irish Traditional Music” to Missoula and Butte during February, March and April.

The series features a lineup of exciting performers to present the finest of Ireland's music and song tradition. Season tickets for the concert series cost \$45. Tickets for individual concerts cost \$15. Concert tickets would make a great holiday gift, and they are now available online at <http://www.griztix.com>.

Tickets also can be purchased in Missoula on the UM campus at the Adams Center, The Source in the University Center and the School of Music. They also are available at Southgate Mall and Rockin Rudy's.

Tickets can be purchased in Butte at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, Cavanaugh's County Celtic and Granite Mountain Bank.

The concert series will open with a lecture titled “Bridging the Atlantic” by award-winning broadcaster and author P.J. Curtis, who has spoken on Irish music to audiences worldwide. Curtis will focus on the historical connection between Ireland and America in terms of music. He also will trace the influence of Irish music on the development of America's music heritage, beginning in the 1700s.

The lecture events are free and open to the public. They will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, in Butte at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives and from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in Missoula at UM's Music Recital Hall.

Curtis is from Kilnaboy, located on the edge of the Burren in west Clare. He has produced 57 albums and recently received an honorary Master of Arts degree for his services to Irish music from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

Following is the Missoula concert series schedule. All Missoula concerts will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in UM's Music Recital Hall:

- **Thursday, Feb. 17:** Irish Fiddle – James Kelly
- **Friday, March 18:** Uilleann Pipes – Eion Ó Riabhaigh
- **Friday, April 8:** Accordion and Traditional Song – Séamus Begley
- **Thursday, April 21:** Folk Music and Ballads – Séan Tyrrell

Butte concerts will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Montana Tech Library Auditorium. The Butte concert series schedule is:

- **Friday, Feb. 18:** Irish Fiddle – James Kelly
- **Sunday, March 20:** Uilleann Pipes – Eion Ó Riabhaigh
- **Saturday, April 9:** Accordion and Traditional Song – Séamus Begley
- **Friday, April 22:** Folk Music and Ballads – Séan Tyrrell

Kelly is considered one of the greatest traditional Irish fiddlers of our time. He is the son of the great fiddler John Kelly from County Clare, who taught him the fiddle beginning at age 3. James Kelly went on to become a champion fiddle player, a composer of more than 800 Irish tunes, a master fiddle teacher and a performer who has played with all the greats of Irish music.

Ó Riabhaigh was raised in a Cork household that was steeped in tradition. He is the son of Micheál Ó Riabhaigh, the great piper and pipe teacher from Munster. Eion Ó Riabhaigh, a rare talent from a young age, went on to become All-Ireland champion in every age category and at every grade. In 2000 he released the CD “Tiomnacht,” which means bequest, legacy or something precious handed on. The CD was dedicated to his father. His great love is live music, which, combined with his exquisite style, ensured that he would perform with all the greats of Irish music.

Begley is a member of the famous Begley family, hereditary custodians of the rich music and singing tradition of the Irish-speaking district in West Kerry. He learned to play the accordion as a young boy at home and went on to be regarded as the finest player in Ireland today. His album “Ragairne (Carousing),” released in 2001, was universally recognized as the traditional album of the year. Begley’s style of playing, described as a “successful marriage of all the wildness of West Kerry with a sublime talent for the feather light touch,” has influenced a whole new generation of accordion players in Ireland.

Tyrrell, a ballad and folk singer, has won a large following in Montana. He began his public life as a singer in New York and San Francisco, where he worked for many years. In the late 1970s, he returned to Ireland and relocated to the Burren in County Clare, where the tradition infused him with a renewed energy to write, record and perform. He teamed up with some of the greats of Irish music and recorded “Cry of the Dreamer,” voted best album of 1994. He also released “The Orchard” in 1999 to further critical acclaim. In recent years he has focused on taking some of the great works of Irish Gaelic literature and setting them to music.

The concert series is offered as part of an introductory course titled Irish Music: Traditional and Contemporary, which will be offered by UM’s Irish Studies Program and School of Music spring semester 2011. The course, designed by UM music Professor Patrick Williams in collaboration with Gearóid Ó hAllmhúráin, chair of Irish Studies at Concordia University, Montreal, unites the humanities and the arts, while aiming to bring students and the community into closer contact with the native traditions of Ireland.

Williams went back to the source, to the heartland of Irish music in west Clare and south Munster, to find the concert performers, who all belong to families who have been custodians of the traditional music of Ireland. They have, as they say in Ireland, been weaned on music.

For more information about the 2011 Irish traditional music concert series, call Terry O’Riordain of UM’s Irish Studies Program in Missoula at 406-544-0311 or Jerry Sullivan in Butte at 406-490-1429.

Information about the Irish Studies Program at UM is online at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/irishstudies>. For information about Friends of Irish Studies, visit <http://www.friendsofirishstudies.org>.

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December 27, 2010

MISSOULA –

There’s still time to buy raffle tickets for the award-winning student-built home, located at 2604 Roderick Way in Missoula.

Less than 425 tickets must be sold to meet the minimum ticket sales requirement, so don’t miss out.

The Bronze Level efficiency custom home is valued at \$340,000. It has three bedrooms and two and a half baths, with 1484 square feet on the main floor and 742 square feet on the upper floor.

Raffle tickets cost \$100 each. Ticket purchasers need not be present at the raffle drawing to win. Additional prizes are: first prize, a \$20,000 car; second prize, a \$10,000 boat or recreational vehicle; and third prize, a \$5,000 home entertainment system.

The Building Futures Program, a community partnership with the Missoula Building Industry Association, The University of Montana College of Technology and the Flagship Program will sell raffle tickets until Jan. 2, 2011.

Tickets may be purchased at the following locations in Missoula: MBIA office, 1840 South Ave. W.; First Security Bank, 2601 Garfield; Rosauers, 2350 Reserve St.; COT, 909 South Ave. W.; Junkermier, Clark, Campanella and Stevens, 2520 Connery Way; Community Bank, 3010 American Way; Caras Management Co., 401 S.W. Higgins; all four Loose Caboose locations; and Culligan Water Conditioning, 2020 Ernest Ave.

During last fall’s Parade of Homes and Remodeling Tour, the student-built home received many awards, including those for Notable Kitchen, Site Integration and Overall Design in its category. The home also tied with Edgell Building and Development for the Craftsmanship award.

More information about the home and the raffle rules are online at <http://www.missoulastudentbuithouse.org>.

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December 27, 2010

MISSOULA –

University of Montana journalism Professor Emeritus Robert C. McGiffert died Saturday, Dec. 25, at St. Patrick Hospital from the sudden onset of pneumonia.

McGiffert, who had been living in California, was in Missoula to visit family and friends for the holiday.

He joined the UM School of Journalism faculty in 1966 and taught full time until he retired as a professor in 1990. While at UM, he served as acting dean of the journalism school during 1989-90 and, after retirement, continued to teach at the school part time until 1996.

"Bob was an editor's editor," said Carol Van Valkenburg, chair of UM's print/photojournalism department. "He loved the language and grieved its abuse. And he devoted most of his adult life to teaching generations of students to understand and appreciate it too. He was brilliant, self-effacing, occasionally curmudgeonly and always interesting. The journalism school is a far better place because he devoted his working life to making it so."

In 1982 McGiffert received UM's Distinguished Teaching Award. He also received the Montana Free Press Award from the UM schools of journalism and law. He was the author of the textbook "The Art of Editing the News."

"Many of us who had Bob for news editing classes can still hear him correcting our use of the language," said School of Journalism Dean Peggy Kuhr. "He has had a lasting influence on the rigor of studies and the quality of education the J-School offers its students."

A full obituary will appear in the Missoulian on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, in UM's Music Recital Hall. A reception will follow at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park in Missoula. Should friends desire, memorial donations may be sent to the Robert McGiffert Excellence Award at the School of Journalism, 32 Campus Drive, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

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UM NEWS



December 07, 2010

MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture has received a gift of 19 oil paintings and seven charcoal drawings by artist Frances Carroll Brown, granddaughter of Montana copper baron Marcus Daly.

Brown was born Feb. 23, 1909, in Baltimore. When she was 3, her mother, Margaret, died, and Brown inherited her mother's fortune. As a young lady of means, Brown embodied early 20th-century society.

Her formal education was conducted by a governess and concluded with a two-year grand tour of Europe as part of a finishing school with a private tutor. In Europe Brown was exposed to a variety of cultural influences, learned French and visited the great museums. When she returned from Europe, she premiered as a debutante in New York City and participated in steeplechases flying the Daly colors.

Brown maintained strong ties to the Bitterroot Valley and the Stock Farm, site of the family's Daly Mansion in Hamilton, and attended social events and celebrated holidays at the mansion. As a Stock Farm shareholder, she was involved in the day-to-day operations of the ranch.

In the late 1930s and early '40s, Brown pursued her art, studying in France and Greece. When World War II erupted, she returned to the U.S. to work as a Navy translator in New York City. In 1947 she contracted polio. She recovered from total paralysis after use of the Orton-*Gillingham* Multisensory *Method restored her cognitive and speech abilities*.

In the 1950s Brown divided her time between Roseland, N.J., and Baltimore. She attended Schuler's School of Fine Art in the 1960s. After the ownership and stewardship of the Daly residence was transferred to the state of Montana in 1985, Brown never returned. She lived the remainder of her life in Baltimore and died there in 2002.

Many of the artist's artworks now in the MMAC Permanent Collection were exhibited together on June 17, 2002, at the artist's childhood home, now a school in Baltimore.

Brown's art contributes to a growing list of significant female artists who played a compelling role in Montana art history. Her psychological portraits are artistically and historically significant, ranging in subject matter from workers and day laborers to high society portraits and artist models.

Her art, which remains largely unknown, is fundamentally humanistic, indicating a fascination with a variety of racial, religious and class backgrounds. In addition to the 26 pieces preserved at MMAC, six drawings by Brown survive at the Daly Mansion.

Mary Jean Warlen, donor of the Frances Carroll Brown paintings and drawings to MMAC and Brown's caretaker during the last 12 years of her life, describes Brown as a "most unusual individual, out of place in this century," "a woman of excellence" and "extremely gracious, with an indomitable character."

"To discover a previously little-known artist of the aesthetic caliber of Frances Carroll Brown with direct ties to the Bitterroot and Missoula areas is enormously exciting," said MMAC Director Barbara Koostra. "Preserving the history of art in Montana through artworks such as these is central to our mission, and we are very grateful for this generous gift."

Brown's paintings recently were cleaned and conserved, and the drawings were reframed and stabilized using archival materials thanks to a generous grant from the F. Morris and Helen Silver Foundation. Conservation and reframing were done in preparation for an exhibition of Brown's work to open at MMAC next year. MMAC has expanded gallery hours for its current exhibitions and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. through March 12. For more information, call 406-243-2019 or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Digital images of select items of Brown's artworks are available upon request by calling 406-243-2019.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

Jedediah Brodie, a research scholar at The University of Montana, is the lead author of a study that led to a letter in the Dec. 2 issue of the journal Nature. The letter asks conservation groups and international aid donors to consider a new course to reduce the threats of climate change to the world’s tropical rainforests.

Scientists currently are working to understand how the rising temperature and altered rainfall of climate change will affect these forests, which sustain most of the world’s terrestrial biodiversity.

The new study by Brodie, an ecologist with UM’s Montana Wildlife Research Unit, Eric Post of Pennsylvania State University and William Laurance of James Cook University in Cairns, Australia, shows that this current work misses a critical point: A far greater threat is that climate change could increase destructive forest fires or pressures from industrial logging.

“Many tropical trees are resistant to modest temperature increases and even drought,” Brodie said. “But if these changes lead people to set more fires, rainforests could be devastated. This effect may be vastly more harmful than the impacts of rising temperature alone.”

The researchers argue that slowing deforestation and controlling fires are critical for reducing the impacts of climate change.

“In places like the Amazon and Southeast Asia, drying conditions make it far easier for people to burn forests for farming, and even small fires can escape and inadvertently destroy far larger areas,” Laurance said. “Intense rainy seasons wash out roads or make dirt tracks unusable. But when rainfall declines, people can get into even remote areas, increasing pressure on the forests through logging, hunting and burning.”

The study shows that slowing deforestation and controlling fires can best be achieved by using international carbon-trading to protect large, intact expanses of tropical forest. But at present, such efforts are not being coordinated at the regional or international scales needed to achieve these aims.

“Billions of dollars are available to slow deforestation and thereby reduce carbon emissions,” Post said. “But we need to focus on creating really big protected areas, especially those that span large gradients in elevation or moisture, so that species can migrate as climates change in the future.”

Brodie said, “On its own, climate change could stress tropical forests, but when you add in human-lit fires and increased logging, it’s like hitting them with a sledgehammer. Small isolated parks won’t be big enough to withstand these pressures.

“If we’re going to protect tropical biodiversity in the long term, we need to think really, really big.”

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A photo to accompany this news release is available by calling Brodie at 406-243-4307 or e-mailing jedediah.brodie@gmail.com. Photo caption: “A farmer in West Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo) uses fire to clear rainforest for planting. As climate change causes many areas to warm and dry, fires may become more frequent and more difficult to control, having serious impacts on tropical biodiversity.” Copyright: Jedediah Brodie.

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UM NEWS



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December 07, 2010

MISSOULA –

A revised and updated edition of “Green Writing: Romanticism and Ecology” by University of Montana Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick was released this month by Palgrave Macmillan of New York.

“Green Writing” describes the emergence of ecological understanding among the English Romantic poets, arguing that this new holistic paradigm offered a conceptual and ideological basis for American environmentalism. The recently released paperback edition of the book contains a new preface and a new final chapter.

In the book, McKusick reveals the ways in which writers such as Coleridge, Wordsworth and Blake contributed to the fundamental ideas and core values of the modern environmental movement and traces their vital influence to the work of Emerson, Thoreau and Muir.

“Green Writing” has been described as a “splendid and provocative work of socially engaged ecological criticism, offering readers much food for thought.”

McKusick will sign copies of the book and answer questions about his research at two events in February. He will be at The Bookstore at UM from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, and at Fact & Fiction, located at 220 N. Higgins Ave. in Missoula, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

More information about “Green Writing” is online at <http://us.macmillan.com/greenwriting>.

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UM NEWS

December 06, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will sponsor an Alternative Winter Break trip to Hollywood, Calif., in January for UM students.

In Hollywood the students will work with a volunteer organization called the DOOR program, which provides opportunities for service, learning and leadership development within the urban context.

The trip, combined with three days of mandatory seminars, is worth two honors credits. Seminars are Wednesday, Jan. 5, and Friday, Jan. 7. The trip will leave Missoula on Saturday, Jan. 8, and return on Sunday, Jan. 16.

The Hollywood branch of DOOR focuses on helping with the chronically homeless, poverty relief, hunger, education achievement gaps, HIV/AIDS issues and children's advocacy.

Once in Hollywood, students will be assigned each day to different work sites, such as soup kitchens, children's organizations and Habitat for Humanity projects. Jobs will be assigned based on what the city needs most at the time of the trip. Students also will have free time to explore the more glamorous side of Hollywood, exposing them to the striking contrasts that exist between poverty and prosperity.

OCE has sponsored the Alternative Breaks project during winter and spring breaks for more than 10 years. The goal of the trips is to provide students with an opportunity to learn through volunteerism, work in a group of peers and connect with a new and different community. Trips have gone everywhere from Arcata, Calif., to New Orleans, La.

For more information about Alternative Breaks, stop by the OCE office in Davidson Honors College Room 015, call Jes Stugelmayer at 406-243-5531 or e-mail jessica.stugelmayer@gmail.com.

OCE, founded in 1992 as Volunteer Action Services at UM, is a department of the Davidson Honors College. The office serves as UM's primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA —

Two UM students have been awarded \$4,500 NextGeneration Scholarships from the national Nonprofit Leadership Alliance that will allow them to serve 300-hour internships with area nonprofit organizations.

Marcus Mueller, a senior in business administration from **Butte**, and Elizabeth Strong, a graduate student from **Chapel Hill, N.C.**, in UM's Intercultural Youth and Family Development program, received scholarships.

The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance is an innovative course of study that equips college students across the country to become skilled professionals and leaders in the nation's nonprofit organizations. UM has been involved with the organization since 2002. From 2007 to 2010, UM students received 16 NextGeneration scholarships totaling \$72,000.

More information about the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance program and academic awards is available online at <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce> or through UM's Office for Civic Engagement, located in Davidson Honors College Room 015.

OCE is a department of the Honors College and serves as a focal point for campus and residents across the state to participate in community work and civic involvement. For more information call OCE Director Andrea Vernon at 406-243-5159 or e-mail andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA —

Perry Brown, University of Montana provost and vice president for academic affairs, has announced that Roger Maclean will serve as the new dean of the UM School of Extended & Lifelong Learning, formerly known as Continuing Education. Maclean will replace current Dean Sharon Alexander, who will retire at the end of this year.

"Sharon has positioned the school very well for the future, so Roger will begin his appointment with wonderful opportunities," Brown said. "She has really developed our programming."

Maclean received a doctorate in adult education from Pennsylvania State University. He comes to Missoula from Illinois, where he served as the executive director of Educational Outreach at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. He previously served as associate dean for the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Executive Education and Continuing Studies divisions.

Brown said Maclean visited campus in early November, and through his interactions with members of the UM community, quickly rose to the top as an outstanding candidate. He received the support of SELL staff and the search committee, led by Dean Stephen Kalm, as well as support from others across campus and the community.

"I have every confidence that we have found the right person to lead the school into its next phase of excellence," Brown said. "Maclean brings strong experience and a reputation for professionalism."

Maclean will begin his new position Jan. 14. For more information, call Brown at 406-243-4689 or e-mail provost@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

Sharon Alexander, a University of Montana dean, has a new name she wants to SELL you.

SELL is the acronym for UM's School of Extended & Lifelong Learning, formerly known as Continuing Education. The state Board of Regents approved the name change during its October meeting.

"We changed our name because our profile has changed so much," Alexander said. "When I came here in 1990, we were just a small unit. Now if you look at our programs, budget, who we are, what we do and our integration into the mainstream programs of the University, it just made sense that we go with the term school instead of center.

"Also, there are many centers at the University, but we were the only one with a dean," said Alexander, who will retire at the end of this year. "It really was quite easy to sell this new name here on campus."

SELL administers the University's online degree and certificate programs, as well as extended courses, professional development opportunities, UM's summer semester and winter session, and UOnline, which offers courses using an Internet-based system.

Among its many programs, SELL also houses MOLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, which offers programs that promote learning and personal growth for people 50 and older.

"We offer a wide array of credit and noncredit programs that display the expertise of UM's schools and colleges while meeting the educational needs of lifelong learners," Alexander said. "We do a lot, so it was time for a new name that reflected that."

For more information about SELL, visit <http://umt.edu/sell>.

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UM NEWS



December 01, 2010

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will hold information and public comment meetings next week for a proposed project to convert its current natural gas fired boiler system to a new system using forest biomass as its primary fuel.

The meetings will take place at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, in University Center Rooms 326-327. Experts will be present at each meeting to provide information about different aspects of the project and to answer questions. A secretary will be on hand to take public comment.

The project is part of University efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, a commitment made in its Climate Action Plan. When completed the biomass boiler project will reduce the University's natural gas usage by 70 percent, provide year-round steam to campus and shrink UM's carbon footprint by nearly a quarter. To protect air quality in the Missoula Valley, UM will use a biomass gasification provider that reduces emissions to at or below those of natural gas.

UM administrators will present the project to the state Board of Regents for approval at the board's Jan. 13, 2011, meeting in Helena.

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MISSOULA –

Recent statistics from The University of Montana’s Office for Civic Engagement show that UM students exceeded expectations for community service during the 2009-10 academic year, with a total of 1,641 students completing 161,246 hours of service.

This equates to an economic impact of more than \$2.2 million based on the value of a volunteer hour in Montana calculated by the Independent Sector.

“UM has a long and proud history of community engagement,” said Andrea Vernon, director of the Office for Civic Engagement. “Student volunteerism and service learning are important aspects of engagement that demonstrate the University’s public service mission.”

The volunteers include 1,309 students who participated in service learning courses between autumn and spring semesters. UM now offers 40 service learning classes across multiple disciplines that engage students in community-based volunteerism to enrich academic learning. Service learning students logged more than 57,000 hours of community service.

The 180 student volunteers affiliated with UM’s Campus Corps AmeriCorps Program accounted for 93,350 hours of service with Missoula community nonprofit organizations. In addition, 152 students volunteered for various extracurricular activities throughout the year, such as Service Saturdays, Alternative Breaks and the popular Can the Cats Food Drive, for a total of 10,634 hours.

All of the students’ service hours are performed in collaboration with community organizations and directed to meet some of Missoula’s most pressing challenges, such as hunger, education, health and the environment.

The Office for Civic Engagement works to challenge and improve lives with an ethic of service and investment in community. Founded in 1992 as Volunteer Action Services, it is a department of UM’s Davidson Honors College and is the University’s primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

One of The University of Montana's most distinguished faculty members now has a fund named for him in the Davidson Honors College. The Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award pays tribute to Regents Professor of History Paul Gordon Lauren. This annual award of at least \$1,000 per designee will recognize one or more faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring undergraduate research projects in the Honors College.

Over the past three decades, Lauren has served as a mentor to many undergraduates pursuing advanced research in history and other fields.

"He is widely regarded as one of the most dedicated faculty mentors at The University of Montana," Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick said.

Lauren earned his master's and doctorate degrees from Stanford University and joined UM in 1974 as the founding director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and the Mansfield Professor of Ethics and Public Affairs. He has received numerous UM awards, including the Distinguished Scholar Award, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education Professor of the Year Award and the Governor's Humanities Award.

Lauren has also been a Senior Fulbright Scholar, Senior Fulbright Specialist, Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Peace Fellow, Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellow and a Distinguished Lecturer for the U.S. Department of State.

The first Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Awards will be announced in spring 2011. Any UM faculty member, student or alum may nominate a faculty member for this award. Nominations are due to the Honors College by Feb. 25, 2011. The award recipients will be recognized during Honors Convocation.

The seed money for the award was generously donated by 1958 UM graduate Nelson Weller, of Healdsburg, Calif. Weller directed more than \$20,000 to the fund with the intent of encouraging other UM alumni and friends to double the sum. Former students, colleagues and friends of Lauren are encouraged to make contributions.

Those interested in donating to the fund can send their gift to UM Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159 or visit <http://www.SupportUM.org>. Whether by mail or online, please note that your gift is for the Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award.

For more information, call McKusick at 406-243-2541 or e-mail james.mckusick@umontana.edu.

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December 01, 2010

MISSOULA –

Peter Neufeld, co-director of the national Innocence Project in New York City, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, in the University Center Theater at The University of Montana. The lecture is free and open to the public and will count as CLE credit for legal professionals.

There will be a reservation-only VIP meet-and-greet to benefit the Montana Innocence Project at 6 p.m. before the lecture. Reservations are \$30 and can be made by calling 406-243-6698.

Neufeld is an attorney who, along with Barry Scheck, pioneered the use of forensic DNA in criminal cases. He helped exonerate Jimmy Ray Bromgard, a Montanan wrongfully convicted of rape. Bromgard was exonerated in 2002 after spending more than 14 years in prison. Neufeld helped expose that part of the evidence that put Bromgard in prison was linked to the false testimony of Montana’s former crime lab director, Arnold Melnikoff.

“Montana Innocence Project, in bringing together journalism and law students, is unprecedented and critical to ensuring sensible criminal justice reform throughout the region,” Neufled said.

The Montana project was founded in 2008. Nationally, 261 people have been exonerated with DNA evidence, including three Montanans. The Montana Innocence Project has reviewed more than 200 cases and currently has 15 under in-depth review with the goal of filing a petition for post-conviction relief sometime this year.

For more information about the lecture, call Caitlin Copple, Montana Innocence Project associate director, at 406-243-6698 or e-mail caitlin@mtinnocenceproject.org. For more information about the Montana Innocence Project, visit <http://www.mtinnocenceproject.org>.

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